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**From:** alan munro [mailto:amunro@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 12, 2008 3:13 PM  
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV); DOT STIP  
**Subject:** MHS

Dear Governor Palin and DOT. STIP,

I have a number of concerns but it is perhaps suffice to say the Juneau Access Road monies must be rolled into the Marine Highways System and as soon as is possible.

To do otherwise, simply suggests that politicians and engineers are really pursuing desires to build this Juneau Access Road for ego driven reasons and not out of consideration for the natural-state value of this little chartered and little known wilderness. To carve out of unspoiled wilderness a Rushmoresque, dangerous, dead-end road, while proving only that it is humanly possible to do so, is plain wrong and a total waste of federal and state money and tantamount to abuse of public service.

However, Governor and DOT planners, I should certainly like to believe you have not totally lost sight of reality here. The reality being, we actually have a world-class wilderness along the marine ferry passageway north from Juneau. This waterway is deemed a priceless wilderness by those who truly know it, myself included. It cannot be a land-sale to seasonal vacationers in RV caravans, or for building easy access for weekend explorers and profit-hungry speculators, nor is it a corporation stockholder, land-sale for serving as a gateway to ever larger gold profits.

I am interested to know just how much the STIP report has cost our state budget to date? Unfortunately, it is both lengthy and of particular usefulness to the layperson. Sorry.

Governor Palin and DOT planners, please and post haste, can you get back on a chartered course and put some realistic human energy and know-how into making our maritime tradition, as a marine highway region, a serious issue? For to do otherwise runs the risk of further eroding credibility with the maritime public you serve.

Just stick to building roads and bridges where it makes complete sense to do so and concentrate on taking excellent care of those roads and bridges already in existence.

I wish to thank you for this opportunity to express my comments to you, Governor and to the drafters of the DOT-STIP report.

Sincerely, Alan R. Munro, Juneau, Alaska, a concerned resident of 37 years.